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RACE FOR GRAND FINAL SPOT IS STILL OPEN

— By PAUL DEAN —

APIA have reached the Grand Final — their fifth in succession — regardless of their result against Pan Hellenic.

And Pan Hellenic, also regardless of Sunday's results, have once again made a quick exit from the series.

As in 1961 and 1963, they were unable to make any impression in the "semifinals" after squeezing into the "four four."

The St. George-Croatia match will determine the second Grand Finalist; for the Saints, a draw will be enough to make their fourth appearance.

Croatia must win to succeed; these are the facts.

APIA's untroubled entry into the Grand Final is no surprise; they are undoubtedly above their opponents in just about every respect.

Pan Hellenic were a trifle unlucky to be bundled out so unceremoniously; their main chance was in the first match, against Croatia, where they should have snatched a point.

Endowed with Sydney's largest, most loyal band of supporters, Pan Hellenic's hopes are now pinned to the Australia Cup where their first round opponents will once again be St. George.

The St. George-Croatia tie on Sunday will have all the elements of a cup classic.

The Saints cannot take the field trying to achieve only a draw — such a pessimistic outlook can easily backfire.

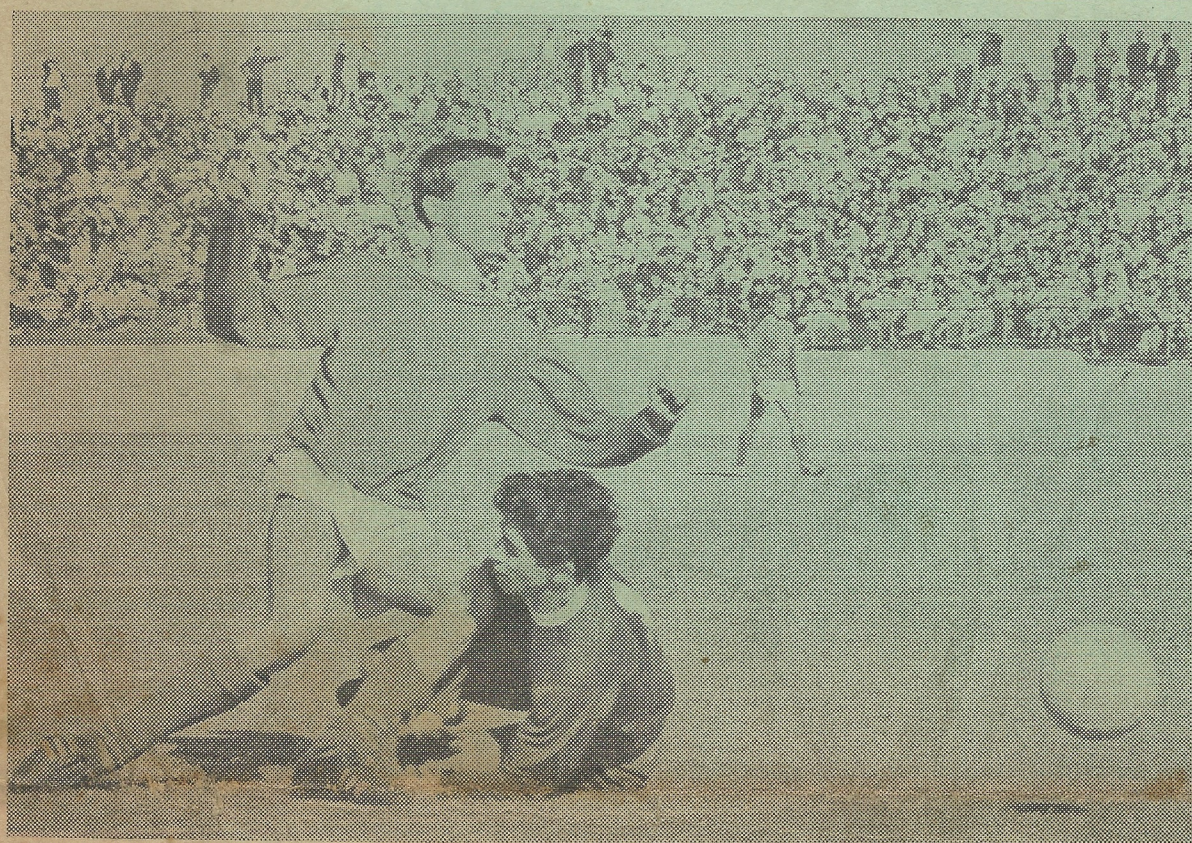
Both teams will be flat out to win — after their own fashion.

St. George will probably do most of the attacking while Croatia will retreat and hope to exploit, through counter-punches, whatever chances come their way.

The prospect of having another fine gate is excellent although last Sunday's 13,600 may not be bettered, what with Pan Hellenic out of the running.

The Sports Ground has always been the favorite haunt of soccer fans and those who will pay another visit there are unlikely to be disappointed.

Despite meagre pre-match publicity for the round-robin play-offs in the daily press, the series have attracted large crowds — 25,200 up to date, as against 20,800 for last season's first two double-headers.



St. George's makeshift winger, Herbert Stegbauer, nearly scored Saints' fourth goal in this goal-mouth duel last Sunday, with the sprawling Pan Hellenic goalie Maglis

NEW DOUBTS ABOUT FERENCVAROS' TOUR

The planned tour by the crack Hungarian champion-elect team, Ferencvaros next January-February has become doubtful.

The tour was to be sponsored and arranged jointly by St. George-Budapest of Sydney and Melbourne Hungaria.

St. George president Les Bordacs said this week the Hungarians wanted some matches in Asia as well as Australia.

Through an intermediary, St. George have tried to tee up matches for Ferencvaros in several Asian countries, but with small success.

Dollar shortage

South Korea, Vietnam and Hong Kong are not interested on political grounds while Indonesia cannot offer dollar terms because of currency shortage.

Only Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand could be considered.

"We have offered Ferencvaros about six matches in

Australia and they are pleased with this," Bordacs said.

"However, unless we can help them to get another four or five games in Asia, the tour may not be a financial proposition for them."

Les Bordacs said Ferencvaros had been flooded with invitations from all parts of the world.

Canada, the U.S.A. and African countries would all like to see the star-studded Hungarians, among them such world-famous players as Albert, Matrai, Rakosi, Varga, Szucs and Katona.

"We'll suggest to Ferencvaros that they accept an invitation either from Africa or America and include Australia in their tour."

"This way we wouldn't depend on the Asians," he said.

Meanwhile, the ASF is still undecided whom to invite to tour Australia in 1968.

Real Madrid and Benfica are only two of the many clubs that have been approached, following Celtic's rejection of a tour offer.

ASF secretary Ian McAndrew is also considering the possibility of a top South American team coming here in 1968.

He feels even a Santos, Botafogo, River Plate or Penarol would not demand higher match fees than Real Madrid.

And the South Americans, particularly the Brazilians, would certainly be a sensation in Australia.

— Paul Dean

Aussies largest group in Sydney First Div. clubs

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Anybody who still refers to Sydney soccer as a game exclusively for migrants is blissfully unaware of the remarkable transformation the code has undergone here this season.

And those who blame the "large migrant element" in Sydney soccer for our current slump should go and search for a new scapegoat.

The truth is that Australians represented the largest single national group of players in Sydney First Division in 1967.

This proves conclusively that the make-up of Sydney teams has changed dramatically in recent years.

Only four years ago, Australian players were a tiny minority, even something of a curiosity in our soccer.

Today they form the biggest single bloc, and their

percentage is bound to increase further next season when First Division clubs will have to field four quota players, one more than this year.

Victoria's "record"

Only Newcastle and Brisbane have more Australian-born players in their teams.

At the very foot of the national scale is Victoria where at the last count, only TWO local-born players had their place in State League teams.

These figures will help you challenge anybody bold enough to claim soccer in Sydney is a "game for New Australians."

True, players born outside Australia are still in the majority, and under our special set-up may remain so for a few more years, but with every passing season more and more local-born talent is breaking through.

Some wagging tongues may point out that it may not be a mere coincidence that the slump in attendances appears to have gone hand in hand with the swelling numbers of local players in Sydney teams.

This may be so, but isn't it all for the better in the long run that local players, rather than second-rate "imports," fill the inevitable

vacuum which resulted in every Sydney club after Australia's return to FIFA had dried up our source of top-class players?

The obvious task, now that we do have young Australians in good numbers, is to improve their skill.

Clubs would be well advised to spend every available cent into unearthing and developing young local talent.

Once that happens, the standard of our soccer is bound to rise again — and that, almost alone of all things, can get our missing thousands to return to the terraces.

● Now turn to page 3 for details of our survey.

SWEDISH VISIT?

The Australian Federation Executive will meet in Sydney on September 23-24. Among the many items on the agenda will be an application by the Swedish national team to play three full "A" internationals in Australia in March 1968.

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Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one economy class return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date for Section 11: 1 p.m., Sunday, September 17.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The Australian national team's proposed match in NEW GUINEA en route to Asia is off. The match has been called off because of Australia's commitments in the Saigon Tournament. The Australians were scheduled to play their first game of the tour in the Territory, but will now fly directly to Saigon on October 30. New Guinea, however, may still see an Aussie team this year as the ASF is considering sending them either a "B" team or a youth squad.

The wife of former Pan Hellenic star forward, JIM PEARSON, Helen, gave birth to a baby daughter in South Africa earlier this month.

As revealed exclusively in these columns on September 1, JIM KELLY is returning to South Coast United. The former Blackpool star, three times winner of SOCCER WORLD's "top star" award (1961, 1963, 1965), is due back in November.

Miss DIANNE SWANSON from the Carlingbah Rangers Club has won the Miss Sutherland Shire Quest. Her prize is an 11-day cruise for two in the Pacific on the liner Orsova, plus \$200 spending money. The ceremony was attended by 500 people and the winner was announced by Sir William Walkley and the Social Club President, Allan Hutton. The quest raised \$7,800 which, after deducting the prize money, will be entirely used for developing the game throughout the district.

Canterbury haven't heard from HERBERT NINAUS since he failed to turn up for the match against Polonia three weeks ago. A parting of the ways between the Austrian forward and the Berries is very much on the cards.

GEORGE WARNER, the Prague secretary, entered Sydney Hospital for a hernia operation last Tuesday.

As you could have guessed, APIA's proposed OVERSEAS TOUR in November has been called off. Japan, where APIA hoped to play three matches, couldn't accommodate the

Australians as they are already flooded with applications from leading teams, with far greater drawing appeal. The Japanese FA, however, promised to consider a visit by APIA in 1969. The Sydney champions, however, have been officially invited to play in Noumea this year.

FRANK HAFEEY, famous back home in Scotland, for his amateur vaudeville, comedian and singing appearances, may soon display his talents at the St. George-Budapest club at Mortdale.

Under the patronage of N. Ryan, MLA, MELITA EAGLES had a very successful Maltese National Independence Ball last Saturday at the Sydney Town Hall, attended by close to a 1000 people.

The wife of Sutherland's right fullback BOB McARNEY — at present on the sidelines through injury — gave birth last week to a baby boy.

A letter of thanks was received by MELITA EAGLES from the South Australian Federation for entertaining their youth team in Sydney during the recent Australian Junior Championship. The South Australian coach was very impressed by the welcome arranged by the Eagles for the team at their Marrickville clubrooms.

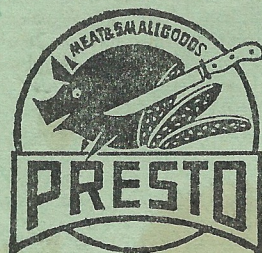
Next Monday top NSW Federation coaches, Adrigan, Vlasits, Vrolyks, Waddell and Morris will conduct the first FIFA exams for coaches at the BANKSTOWN COACHING ACADEMY, starting at 7 p.m. at Bankstown Oval.

PAN HELLENIC may follow APIA's example and play a midweek game under floodlights in Melbourne. Pan Hellenic have been invited to play South Melbourne-Hellas in a return match for last year's game in Sydney when Pan Hellenic beat the 1966 Victorian champions 5-3. APIA will travel to Melbourne on September 28 to meet Juventus at the St. Kilda ground.

St. George-Budapest skipper, JOHN WARREN, will be Tiger Black's guest on 2KY's soccer show next Saturday at 6 p.m. Warren will talk about Sunday's match against Croatia, the St. George-Budapest social club and the coming Asian tour.

AS ROMA have promised to send APIA a couple of players next season. The club's secretary, Cav. Biancone, will try to secure young players

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for APIA who will be on loan to the Australian club while they further their studies here.

The St. George-Budapest JUNIOR LADIES AUXILIARY staged their first fundraising function at the Mortdale clubhouse last Wednesday with a spring fashion parade. The auxiliary will hold a games afternoon at the club on the second Wednesday of each month to raise funds to promote junior soccer in the area.

ANTE ZANETIC, the Yugoslav international who figured in a bitter dispute between Croatia and Yugal earlier this year, is training hard to get into shape for next season. Zanetic is hopeful of taking his place in Croatia's first team in 1968.

IAN HILLSDON, and not Duncan Wilson as we reported incorrectly last week, became a father recently. Hillsdon's wife gave birth to a baby daughter, their second child, last Monday week. Wilson is still a bachelor.

The SECOND DIVISION Grand Final is likely to be played on Sunday week at the Sportsground as the curtain-raiser to the First Division Grand Final. The last time the

Second Division Grand Final shared the spotlight with First Division was at Wentworth Park in 1965 when Corinthians beat Granville, before the APIA-St. George Grand Final.

The mother of WALTER STERNBERG, the former Hakoah president and NSW Management Committee member, passed away last week.

One of Prague's staunchest supporters and committeemen, M A X KROONENBERG, passed away after a long illness in Surfers Paradise last week. This is Prague's second bereavement. Only five weeks ago another club stalwart, HARCOURT GARDEN, "Mac" as he was affectionately known to his many friends, died in Sydney.

The ST. GEORGE under-16 representative team last week-end won the State final by beating Illawarra 1-0. Saints' under-15s play their State final against Newcastle this week-end.

Would the reader who signed his letter "SOCCER FAN", Sydney, please communicate with us as we cannot publish his otherwise interesting letter without his name and address.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

DIVISION II FINAL PLAY-OFFS

Manly v. Sutherland — Marks Field, 1.15 p.m.
Granville v. Bankstown — Marks Field, 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

DIVISION I FINAL PLAY-OFFS

APIA v. Pan Hellenic — Sportsground, 1.15 p.m.
St. George v. Croatia — Sportsground, 3.00 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

K.O. CUP

Canterbury v. Granville or M. Eagles — Marks Field, 7 p.m.
Polonia v. Yugal — Marks Field, 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

SECOND DIVISION GRAND FINAL

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MELBOURNE, HEAR THIS: Sydney still first among the States

— By LOU GAUTIER —

A section of Melbourne's soccer community seems to insist stubbornly that Victoria is the hub of Australian soccer.

Gloating over the current misfortunes which bedevil Sydney soccer at many levels, some Victorians are under the delusion that Victorian soccer is streets ahead of Sydney.

The grounds on which they base this assumption are hard to fathom, as there can be no doubt that Sydney remains the undisputed kingpin of Australian soccer, despite its present administrative mess.

In overall results and attendances, the true indication of where the strength lies, Sydney is still way out in front — and likely to stay there.

As the review which follows shows, Sydney teams, at all levels, have always fared better than their Victorian counterparts, and all Australia's record attendances were set in Sydney.

Interstate Championship

Since the inception of the Federation, interstate matches between NSW and Victoria have favored NSW.

NSW won the Australian Championship in 1962 and in 1963/64.

Victoria's only national success was in 1960 when a three-day interstate carnival was staged — in Melbourne.

They beat NSW 4-1 to take first place, with NSW second and Queensland third.

In the 1962 national championships, Victoria did not reach the final, which was a two-legged affair between NSW and Queensland.

In 1963/64, when the series were run over a two-year period, NSW won the title with 10 points, two points ahead of runners-up Victoria.

Since 1960 NSW defeated Victoria three times (1-0, 2-0 and 3-2) and lost twice (1-4 and 3-4).

Australia Cup

The national club cup competition has gone three times to Sydney, twice to Melbourne.

The final was an all-Sydney affair three times, an all-Melbourne finale once.

Yugal, Hakoah and APIA of Sydney won the trophy in 1962, 1965 and 1966 respectively.

Victoria took out the Cup in 1963 (Slavia) and in 1964 (George Cross).

The 1964 final, however, was played in Melbourne, giving George Cross a big advantage over APIA, who only lost in extra-time.

Had the final been a two-legged tie, APIA would almost certainly have won the return match in Sydney by a sufficient margin to bring their Australia Cup tally to two.

Junior Championship

NSW's supremacy in this field is overwhelming, as it befits a State which can rely on 70,000 juniors (including the Newcastle and Wollongong areas).

Victoria, with a mere 7,000 junior players, have never been placed higher than third in any Australian Junior Championship.

Sydney, as distinct from Newcastle, which competes in the titles as a separate entity, won the junior title in 1963, 1966 and 1967.

Since the inception of the junior titles in 1963 the two teams' records read:

NSW: 1963 1st, 1964 2nd, 1965 4th, 1966 1st, 1967 1st.

Vic: 1963 3rd, 1964 3rd, 1965 did not compete, 1966 and 1967 beaten in semifinals.

South Australia and Newcastle have also done much better than Victoria since the junior championships started five years ago.

Internationals

Both NSW and Victoria have a prestige draw to their credit against a top touring team in recent years.

NSW held Torpedo to 1-1 in 1965, and Victoria played a 1-1 with Manchester United earlier this year.

Their other results against tourists since 1964 when overseas tours resumed are:

NSW: v. Everton 1-4, v. Chelsea 0-5, v. Torpedo 1-1, 0-1, v. Roma 1-2, v. Manchester United 0-3, 1-3.

Vic: v. Everton 1-3, v. Chelsea 0-1, v. Torpedo 1-4, 0-4, v. Roma 2-4, 0-1, v. Manchester United 1-1, 0-4.

Victoria did better than NSW against Everton and Chelsea, but the "Pensioners" fielded many second stringers against them, whereas they had practically their full team in the opening match of their Australian tour in Sydney.

Against AS Roma and Torpedo, NSW have easily the better record.

Victoria's State team also played against FC Basel, whom they beat 3-2, while Prague held the Swiss to 2-2.

Victoria were beaten 6-1 by Slovan Bratislava, who were held to a 1-1 draw by Pan Hellenic, a club side, in Sydney.

Against Hong Kong club Sing Tao the Victorian State XI could only manage a 2-2 draw last year, and Pan Hellenic, again, did as well with a 4-4 draw.

Crowds

Sydney attracted the largest crowd to a club match this year despite the current slump.

The attendance of 15,600 at Pan Hellenic-APIA in April is bigger than anything Melbourne could produce this year, though Melbourne's weekly aggregate attendances were roughly 4,000 more than Sydney's in 1967.

The Australian record attendance for an inter-club match is still Sydney's, with 30,150 at the APIA v. South Coast Grand Final in 1963.

LOCAL CONTENT UP BY 15% SINCE 1966

A check on the nationalities of every First Division player who made a first team appearance during the 22 rounds of this year's Sydney competition reveals that out of 255 first graders, 96 were born in Australia.

This represents 37 percent of the First Division playing strength, and an increase of 15 percent on 1966.

Last season the 10 First Division Sydney clubs utilised 204 first graders, out of whom only 45 were Australian-born, or 22 percent of the total.

In 1965 the Australian content was even smaller, only 17 percent.

The 96 players we classified as Australians were all born in Australia.

The Australian content would actually be 46 percent, and not 37 percent, if naturalised Australians and "quota players" had been included.

However, we only took Australian-born players into account, not players like Scheinflug or Giacometti, who are naturalised Australians, or players who migrated to Australia at an early age and learned all their soccer here.

Players like Westwater, Watkiss, Schaefer, Omeros, Lissing and Stegbauer, among many others, fall into this category and are considered as bona-fide Australians under the NSW Federation's quota ruling, introduced this year.

Not included in the Australian 37 percent are some of the national team stars like Hughes, Marnoch, Blitz, Blue, etc., all of whom are naturalised Australians of Scottish or English descent, qualified to play for Australia in full international, yet illogically "disowned" by the NSW Federation, who doesn't

recognise them as quota players.

The 96 Australians who appeared throughout the competition came from the following clubs:

Cumberland: 16 (3)
South Coast: 15 (11)
Melita Eagles: 9 (—)
Polonia: 9 (—)
Prague: 9 (4)
Canterbury: 8 (—)
St. George: 8 (5)
Yugal: 8 (6)
Croatia: 5 (7)
APIA: 4 (4)
Hakoah: 3 (2)
Pan Hellenic: 2 (1)

(In brackets, Australian-born players fielded in 1966).

The quota law is certainly responsible for the big increase in the local content in Sydney teams this year.

However, throughout the competition many clubs did not restrict themselves to the bare minimum of three quota players per match.

Some had as many as eight (South Coast, Cumberland), seven (Yugal, St. George) or six (Prague, Polonia).

Melita Eagles had the greatest difficulties of any club in fielding three quota players per match.

With the exception of Mullan, an automatic first team choice, their other Australians fell short of First Division standard and this explains why they figure so high up in the list published above.

They spent the whole competition trying out local players who almost weekly fell in and out of their first team.

The road to goal famine

The most beautiful four-letter word in the English language is "goal" — and we are not getting very much of it in Sydney nowadays.

In the 1967 competition the average per match was down to 3.44 goals, from 3.67 in 1966.

Just as a matter of comparison, in 1962 we had 4.1 and in 1963 4.3 goals per match.

The dreaded, low-scoring results — 0-0, 1-0 and 1-1 — are becoming commonplace.

This season 39 matches out of the total of 132 produced such a result — every 3.3rd match.

Hakoah "lead" this parade: 12 of their matches ended in such a low score result; South Coast and Croatia run second with nine games each.

Even last year things were a bit better: of the 90 matches (only 10 teams), 18 had a 0-0, 1-0, or 1-1, every 4.9th game.

In the "golden years" such results were much rarer.

In 1963 only every 5.7th match and in 1962 every

7.7th match had such a low score.

Once — and not too long ago, either — a 0-0 draw was a weird and rare result.

In 1962 we had it three times, in 1963 once.

Last year four matches ended in 0-0 while this year we had no less than eight with St. George alone accounting for three.

It's also worth recalling that in the 1967 competition —

● Twenty-six goals were scored from penalties with Giacometti (5), Woods, Westwater and Zuckerman (all 3) the top of the list.

● Fourteen players were sent off or, more precisely, 13 once and one (Zeman) twice and only St. George, Croatia and Hakoah kept a clean sheet;

● Prague's record is the worst with three expulsions — the same Prague that in recent years used to have an excellent record.

ALITALIA CONTESTS

GIACOMETTI SHOOTS TO PRIZE-WINNING LEAD

APIA's ace goalscorer, Johnny Giacometti, has shot to a commanding lead in the SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Players' Contest.

The Australian international has overhauled team-mate George Nuttall, with St. George skipper, John Warren, a distant third.

Giacometti now looks an odds-on certainty to take out the Sydney section of the Players' Contest.

His only challenger to date for the Alitalia return trip for two to Singapore is South Melbourne Hellas' Pargolios, the only interstate player so far to reach the quota of 500 votes necessary to qualify for the fabulous prize.

Players' Contest

This is how the players stand in each State:

NSW: Giacometti (APIA) 1242, Nuttall (APIA) 979, Warren (St. George) 911, Watkiss (APIA) 554, J. Alagich (Yugal) 412, Blue (APIA) 355, Hughes (APIA) 339.

Victoria: Pargolios (Hellas) 501, Della Rocca (Juventus) 240, Sonsini (Juventus) 72, De Marchi (Juventus) 71, Voigt (Juventus) 63, Barbazza (Juventus) 57.

SA: Worthington (Hellas) 341, Perin (Juventus) 208, McColl (Juventus) 198, Chiappin (Juventus) 62, Baggio (Juventus) 56.

Queensland: Jackson (Hellenic) 142, Tucker (Latrobe) 44, Keen (Azzurri) 16.

WA: Giorgi (Azzurri) 70, Ramm (Tricolore) 19.

Tasmania: Morosini (Juventus Launceston) 33.

Readers' Contest

In the Readers' Contest, Pagewood contestant, Mrs. Sophia Michopoulos, has opened up a 30-point lead after Section 10.

Our ace tipster was one of nine readers to correctly forecast the result of the final of the Australian Junior Championship (NSW v. SA 3-0).

V. Crismale of Adelaide, Yolanda Degli Esposti of Leichhardt and Carol Laws of Kings Cross are hot on her heels and it appears almost certain the winner of the contest will only be determined when results of Section 2 are checked.

This coupon, however, can only be checked when the Western Australian competition is completed this weekend.

Section 10 results

60 points: V. Horacek, Darlinghurst; V. Voncina, Wiley Park; H. Zengel, Petersham; S. Michopoulos, Pagewood; L. Cardarelli, Green Valley; Y. Degli Esposti, Leichhardt; F. Femia, Neutral Bay; S. Garofano, Terrigal (NSW); A. Lovrich, Lewisham.

40 points: S. Kaye, Brighton-Le-Sands; M. McGinty, Burwood; B. Tomason, Burwood; P. Tsonis, Adelaide (SA); S. Cziczper, Valley (Qld.); J. Juric, Leichhardt; F. Gregurev, Bowden (SA); R. Esposito, Fawkner (Vic.); M. Giuliani, Carlton (Vic.); T. Zafiris, Goodwood (SA); S. D'Angelo, Maroubra; F. Abbuzzo, Dee Why; G. Baracetti, Redfern; S. Biazzo, Croydon; F. Buonanova, Ashfield; R. Buonanova, Five Dock; N. Colacicco, Leichhardt; L. Crema, Bossley Park; V. Crismale, Adelaide (SA); A. D'Ambr, St. Peters; A. De Santi, Potatina (Tas.); C. Laws, Kings Cross; D. Malfone, Smithfield; B. Mazzone, Underdale (SA); M. Masic, Paddington; A. Naccarella, Marrickville; R. Pizzocco, Niddrie (Vic.); M. Polesini, Essendon (Vic.); C. Schifilliti, Georges Hall; P. Schio, Five Dock; A. Vellozzi, Wollongong (NSW).

Leading scorers

570 points: S. Michopoulos, Pagewood.

540 points: V. Crismale, Adelaide (SA); Y. Degli Esposti, Leichhardt; C. Laws, Kings Cross.

530 points: L. Crema, Bossley Park; A. Lovrich, Lewisham.

510 points: J. Juric, Leichhardt; G. Baracetti, Redfern; R. Buonanova, Five Dock; L. Cardarelli, Green Valley.

500 points: R. Esposito, Fawkner (Vic.).

490 points: S. Biazzo, Croydon.

480 points: B. Mazzone, Underdale (SA); R. Pizzocco, Niddrie (Vic.); C. Schifilliti, Georges Hall.

470 points: S. Kaye, Brighton-Le-Sands; R. Tamien, Adelaide (SA); D. Malfone, Smithfield; A. Naccarella, Marrickville, NSW.

460 points: P. Tsonis, Nth. Adelaide (SA); V. Voncina, Wiley Park.

450 points: S. Cziczper, Valley, (Qld.); F. Abbuzzo, Dee Why; R. Femia, Neutral Bay; M. Giuliani, Carlton (Vic.); M. Masic, Paddington.

440 points: G. Bernhardt, Adamstown; L. Bordacs, N. Sydney; F. Gregurev, Bowden (SA); A. Vellozzi, Wollongong (NSW); V. Sallustio, Ashbury.

430 points: G. D'Angelo, Maroubra; V. Horacek, Darlinghurst; A. Margiotta, Drummoyne; Valvason, Summer Hill.

COACHING NOT SECURE CAREER

The current instability of Sydney soccer also manifests itself in the position of coaches. During the 1967 season only seven First Division coaches managed to retain their posts. Four clubs changed coaches once (APIA, Croatia, Melita and Hakoah) while one did it twice (Polonia).

This, roughly translated, would mean that a coach in Sydney had no more than 58% chance of ending the season with the club where he started.

Last year when we had only 10 First Division clubs, also seven coaches stayed put; Croatia changed once while Yugal and Corinthians twice.

That gave a coach a 70% "life insurance".

In 1963, regarded as one of our boom years, eight of the First Division clubs kept their coach throughout the season; four changed once (APIA, Croatia, Melita, and Hakoah) and Polonia changed twice.

This was a 67% "security-year".

The longest serving First Division coach in Sydney is Laurie Hegyes of St. George-Budapest: he has been with the club since April 14, 1964.



N.S.W. PREMIERSHIP



SUMMARIES

St. George (3): Haffey 4; Isaac 3, Hillary 3; Schaefer 4, Morgan 4, Zuckerman 4; Stegbauer 3, Warren 3, McColgan 3, Cliss 3, Fernandez 4.

Total: 38.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Pan Hellenic (1): Clarke 3 (replaced by Maglis, 69 min.), Henson 2, Omeros (sent off); Westwater 4, Johnston 4, Hignett 3, Logan 2 (replaced by Laraman at halftime — 2), Smith 4, Karyannis 2, McCulloch 3, Blitz 3.

Total: 30.

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Scorers: McColgan 17 min., Warren 56 min., Fernandez 60 min., Blitz 65 min.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

APIA (2): Taylor 4; Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 3; Hughes 3, Watkiss 4, Bottalico 3; Giacometti 2, Campana 4, Blue 3, Campbell 3, Kerklaan 3.

Total: 37.

Coach: M. Mazzina.

Croatia (0): Corry 4; Lincoln 4, Shepherd 4; Sloan 3, Curry 3, Snedden 2 (injured); Swoboda 3, Tomicic 2, F. Cush 2 (replaced by Kirgan in 39 min. — 3), Giles 4, R. Cush 3.

Total: 34.

Coach: F. Hearn.

Scorers: Kerklaan 57 min., Giacometti 78 min.

Referee: F. Woolman.

Crowd: 13,609.

APIA'S WIN IN DOUBT FOR ONLY ONE HALF

— By PAUL DEAN —

The more I see Croatia in action the more I am convinced that they are just about the most colorless team to watch.

And if they think that the ultra-defensive system they insist upon is 4-3-3 or 4-2-4, they are more naive than I thought.

Actually, Croatia plays without a forward line, without a striker pair or trio and without the essence of a successful 4-3-3: sudden, fast, sweeping counter-attacks.

Admittedly they were greatly handicapped by Snedden's early injury and

Frank Cush's removal before the interval, but this alone cannot explain their total lack of flair in attack.

The two Cush boys — both heavy, slow and somewhat cumbersome — are totally unsuited for such "striker" roles, leaving only the lonely Giles to perform miracles.

Stemming from their system — four fullbacks and at least three, sometimes four midfield players

— is the inevitable fact that Croatia fail to score goals and also fail to entertain.

Against APIA last Sunday their biggest two chances were the results of carefree defensive mistakes by Watkiss and Van Blerk, but not the doings of the Croatia forwards themselves.

Against this opposition, APIA had trouble for one half only.

Once again they appeared flabbergasted how to break through the Croatia wall where, in the maze of legs and diving bodies, Blue and Giacometti began to lose heart.

In the second half, however, the APIA pressure increased and the first goal — a fine volley by Kerklaan after a clever headed pass by Campana — changed the picture completely.

APIA now became confident, almost cocky, while Croatia were unable to change their pattern and switch over to a more enterprising, more attacking type of game.

The result was inevitable even though the second APIA goal came from a free-kick, not from action: Giacometti smashed the ball

in from at least 35 yards to clinch the points.

This, by the way, was just about Giacometti's only useful move in the whole afternoon — but that incredible goal must have won him some grace.

APIA played quite well in the second half and towards the end were getting ready for the knock-out; Hughes, Van Blerk, even Watkiss menaced the Croatia goal while Campbell hit the post and Blue missed two sitters.

The APIA defence was solid but inclined to be a trifle too light-hearted, especially Watkiss who at times looks as if he was hankering to be in the attack again.

In the forward line, Campana was the spiritual leader, Blue and young Campbell the danger men.

Surprisingly, APIA's main weakness was their wing half pair, Hughes and Bottalico, who were, at times, painfully slow.

In Croatia nobody really stood out apart from the clever, elusive Giles.

It is a pity to overdo this defensive pattern when Croatia have the players to use them more enterprisingly.

SAINTS EASILY BEAT TENSE PAN HELLENIC

All superlatives can be safely cast away when describing, ever so briefly, highlights of St. George's victory over Pan Hellenic.

One could sense, almost from the kick-off, that this would not be Hellenic's day.

And when Frank McColgan's clever, twisted header put the Saints one up, one's premonition was further vindicated.

Pan Hellenic — edgy, tense and wasting too much combustible energy through wild sprinting — simply didn't click.

Their defence was mediocre, with Henson the chief culprit.

When Omeros received his marching orders — justly, for kicking a player when the ball was out of play — the match was all but over.

From that point on — with the Saints leading 1-0 already

— it was a matter of time before further goals had to come.

And they came — mainly through Pan Hellenic's decision to throw everything they had into attack.

This made them pretty vulnerable and they can count themselves lucky for having escaped with only three goals against them.

St. George-Budapest — in case this win makes them heady — didn't play that well, and it is doubtful whether their performance would have sufficed against better opposition.

However, they were by far the more polished team, flicking the ball from man to man

with considerable precision and — what's more important — taking their chances rather well.

Three of their key players — Warren, Cliss and Schaefer — didn't have a really happy day and this helped to make their display rather patchy.

McColgan in the middle and Fernandez at the left wing were the driving forces of their attack with the subtle, elegant Zuckerman feeding his line with seemingly inexhaustible patience.

The shaky form of Isaac and Hillary must worry the St. George camp despite the knowledge that in young

Morgan they are grooming a potential star stopper and in Haffey they may have finally found a first class goalie.

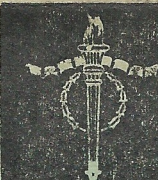
In Pan Hellenic, Westwater and Smith rose above the average and one felt even sorry for this pair during the match.

Time and again they initiated attacks, doing more than their fair share, only to see their partners mess up things.

St. George deserved their win which could have even been larger.

But they were lucky to meet a disorganised, depleted Pan Hellenic which seemed overawed by the occasion.

— Paul Dean



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FINAL PLAY-OFFS



SAINT GEORGE TIPPED TO REACH GRAND FINAL

Arms and legs fly

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The last double-header of the final round-robin play-offs will determine APIA's Grand Final opponent when St. George-Budapest and Croatia clash in the late match.

In the early match, between APIA and Pan Hellenic, absolutely nothing will be at stake since whatever the result APIA can't miss out on their fifth consecutive Grand Final — and Pan Hellenic can't make their first one.

"Do-or-die"

St. George and Croatia will be playing for their highest stakes of the season — a place in next week's Grand Final.

Going into the match secure with the knowledge that a draw will suffice to see them through to the Grand Final, St. George will have a psychological advantage over their opponents.

Croatia this time will have to take the initiative as they can't afford to take

the passive role they otherwise relish so much.

Their forwards will have to be much more active because defence, however methodical, alone won't take them into the Grand Final to have another crack at APIA.

Saints played intelligently enough against Pan Hellenic last Sunday to suggest they are a good bet to meet APIA in the Grand Final for the third time in four years.

They can of course be beaten, but Croatia will have to rethink their entire defence-orientated game to pull it off.

They badly need the return of Reynolds to add punch to their anaemic attack, and if the Australian international makes a re-

appearance, their stocks will rise.

Otherwise it's hard to imagine their hesitant forward-line forcing the issue, however well the Croatia defence performs.

We can't promise you many goals, as perhaps the odd goal may settle the issue here, but the do-or-die quality of this game which means so much to both teams may compensate for the lack of sparkle in attack.

"Dress rehearsal"

Their Grand Final berth secure, APIA will treat their match against Pan Hellenic as a "dress rehearsal" for Sunday week when they will be trying to clinch the "double" for the second time.

With nothing to lose, APIA will bring Watkiss back into the forward line.

APIA will gamble on Nuttall's remarkably rapid recovery from cartilage surgery and revert to the line-up they fielded in the first half of the league competition.

Watkiss' return as attack leader will be the major attraction of a match, which otherwise could be something of an anticlimax, preceeding as it is the vital Croatia-St. George game.

Since APIA don't have to worry about losing on Sunday, they can well afford to reshuffle their team,

whose display will be a pointer to what we can expect in the Grand Final.

Watkiss will undoubtedly add to the potency of the APIA attack, whose form lately has not been impressive, and his absence in defence should not make itself felt if Nuttall is anything like the player who performed so brilliantly before his injury against Scotland.

Pan Hellenic, whose task it is to test the competition winners before the Grand Final, won't just go through the motions though this match only has academical interest for them.

No team likes to lose three matches straight and the Pan Hellenic players will try their hardest to snatch a prestige win as any win against APIA is good to take.

Pan Hellenic's forwards, however, must show a 100 percent improvement on past performances to have any show at all and their defenders, shaky to the extreme last Sunday, need more than guts to contain the APIA attack, what with Watkiss an added danger.

The "experimental" APIA should notch another win to finish once again at the top of a competition ladder, this time the round-robin table.

ROUND-ROBIN TABLE					
APIA	2	—	4	0	4
St. George	1	—	1	3	2
Croatia	1	—	1	1	2
Pan Hellenic	—	—	2	1	4



Spare arms and legs fly everywhere in the APIA v. Croatia match as Corry smothers a ball and Blue watches in the background.

PROBABLE TEAMS

PAN HELLENIC v. APIA

CLARKE	1	TAYLOR
HENSON	2	NUTTALL
MALLARD	3	ACKERLEY
WESTWATER	4	HUGHES
JOHNSTON	5	VAN BLERK
HIGNETT	6	BOTTALICO
LOGAN	7	CAMPBELL
SMITH	8	CAMPANA
KARYANNIS	9	BLUE
McCULLOCH	10	WATKISS
BLITZ	11	GIACOMETTI

Referee: H. PARSONS.

PROBABLE TEAMS

ST. GEORGE v. CROATIA

HAFLEY	1	CORRY
ISAAC	2	LINCOLN
HILLARY	3	SLOAN
SCHAEFER	4	CURRY
MORGAN	5	SHEPHERD
ZUCKERMAN	6	SNEDDEN
STEGBAUER	7	SWOBODA
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ROUND THE WORLD

Yugoslavs want \$500,000

The Yugoslav Federation is demanding a settlement of \$500,000 from the US Professional League for the 21 Yugoslav players illegally operating in America. The Yugoslav FA has banned for life all Yugoslav players and coaches lured to the States, but are prepared to lift their suspensions if the Americans pay up. The settlement figure is not excessive as most of the players who moved to America are internationals who could demand a transfer fee of \$20,000 to \$40,000 on the European market.

English FA fights interference

As a sequel to the fine imposed by the Australian Federation on Manchester United's Denis Law after his expulsion in Perth, the English FA will send a circular to all world associations, instructing them to refer future disciplinary matters involving English tourists to the English FA. English writers believe that if Law's case had been handled by the English FA, he would have been suspended for at least one competition match.

Voronin in disgrace

The Soviet Union's top player, Torpedo Moscow's Voronin, has been barred from national team selection for two years, sacked from his job as soccer writer with "Soviet Football" and also suspended for six months by his club. Voronin's "crime" He took a five-day holiday on the Black Sea without informing his club. Voronin, a Soviet "master of sport", has been accused of "bourgeois" irresponsibility. True to Communist form, the fallen idol has made an open auto-criticism, confessing to his disrepute, and admitted he "no longer deserved his many privileges".

Foreigners need not apply

Only four West German clubs and four Italian clubs won't be fielding any foreign players this season. The "All German" Bundesliga clubs are Bayern Munchen, Moenchengladbach, Eintracht Braunschweig and Borussia Dortmund. In Italy Atalanta, Varese, Mantova and Sampdoria will rely purely on local talent. It's interesting to note that in Germany's case the four clubs concerned were the most successful last season.

World's tribute to Zamora

Ricardo Zamora's testimonial match in Madrid on September 27 will be a true gala occasion. Atletico Madrid have invited the following world stars to take the field against Spain's national team in benefit of their famous former goalie: Eusebio, Banks, Moore, Jackie and Bobby Charlton, Yashin, Beckenbauer, Haller, Seeler, Metreveli, Onega, Mas, Coluna, Simoes, Bene, Albert, Pele, Mazzola and Facchetti.



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The new FIFA rules regarding the goalkeeper's four-step limitations have already been introduced in most European countries. This rule stipulates that the goalie cannot take more than four steps with the ball whether he is holding it or bouncing it. The rule is expected to be enforced for the first time in Australia during the Australia Cup next month.

● Ernst Melchior, the former star Austrian international forward, now coaches West Germany's Fortuna Dusseldorf. Melchior until this year coached Besiktas of Turkey, who, by a strange coincidence, meet Rapid Vienna, Melchior's first Austrian club, in the first round of this season's European Cup.

● Kopecky, the former Czechoslovakian international, suffered a heart attack and died after playing a veterans' match at Hlsinko recently. Kopecky, a Slavia player, played 27 times for his country in the 1930's.

● Bulgaria's star goalkeeper, Naidenov, has retired. Fifty-two times an international, Naidenov is now the assistant-coach of Spartak Sofia.

● Juventus, the Italian champions, will be allowed to play their Swedish forward, Roger Magnusson, in European Cup matches. Magnusson, however, can't play in Italian League matches because the club's quota of foreign players is already filled.

● Two BBC writers, Neville Smith and Gordon Honeycombe, have written a 90-minute television play, "The Golden Vision," featuring the lives of Everton players and supporters.

● Pat Crerand, Manchester United's fiery Scot, has been severely cautioned by the English League's Disciplinary Committee for striking a Stoke City opponent in May.

● Gento, Real Madrid's veteran winger, hopes to beat goalie Zamora's long-standing Spanish record. Gento will become Spain's most capped international with four more national team selections.

● The world's most famous amateur club, Scotland's Queen's Park, has published a book, "Just for the love of the game," to commemorate their 100th birthday.

● Benfica returned from their US tour \$68,000 richer. This is what they were paid to play three matches in San Francisco, Houston and Los Angeles.

● David Herd, the Manchester United forward who missed the Australian tour through a broken leg, has resumed training and hopes to play again at the end of next month.

● Everton have transferred centre-forward Fred Pickering to Second Division Birmingham for \$138,000. In March 1964 Everton bought Pickering from Blackburn for \$200,000.

● France plays Poland in Warsaw in a European Nations' Cup qualifying match on September 27. On October 4 West Germany and Yugoslavia play their return Nations' Cup tie in Germany. In the first legs, France beat Poland 2-1 and the Yugoslavs won 1-0.

● Celtic will meet Dynamo Kiev on September 20 in Glasgow and October 4 in Kiev in the first round of the European Champions' Cup.

● West Germany will undertake a long South American tour in 1968 — unless they qualify for the quarterfinals of the European Championship.

● Italy is making giant strides to develop its young talent: the country has over 1,000 "soccer schools." Of these 12 are sponsored by First Division and 18 by Second Division clubs.

● Since his debut in Ferencvaros in 1958, Hungarian star Florian Albert has scored 183 goals in championship matches.

● Hungary's international stopper Kalman Meszoly has been out of action for many weeks with an injury.

● After only two matches in Spain — where Pele's old injury cropped up again — Santos abruptly called off the rest of their European tour and flew home.

Hong Kong crisis

The Hong Kong press is bitter in its attack on the poor performance by the Hong Kong team in the 10th Merdeka Tournament. In three consecutive qualifying matches the side conceded 12 goals without reply. In addition the Colony supplies the complete Taiwan teams (a case of supplying two national teams from a First Division of only 12 clubs). There is bound to be an inquest into the Hong Kong team's display. The official coach was absent in Taipei on a Junior Coaching Clinic until a few days before the Hong Kong party left for Kuala Lumpur. The team manager and assistant manager had no official standing, having lost their seat on the new Council. There was considerable disunity and recriminations amongst the players, one vowing never to play for Hong Kong again.

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New Zealand's Asian tour

Charles Dempsey, Director of Tours of the New Zealand FA, stopped over in Hong Kong last month en route to Tokyo and Seoul to arrange two matches for New Zealand in Hong Kong. The New Zealanders will play in the Colony on November 16 and 19, after participating in the South Vietnam Tournament, along with Australia. New Zealand also hope to play two games in South Korea, and at least one in Japan and the Philippines later in November.

Adding fine to injury . . .

Arsenal have fined their centre-forward, George Graham, \$25 — for suffering an injury. Graham copped the fine when he was injured on the shin after scoring Arsenal's first goal of the season. Graham disobeyed club orders to wear shinpads, which are compulsory at Arsenal ever since Colin Addison broke his shin last season.

Racing to favoritism

The Argentinian champions, Racing Buenos Aires have emerged slight favorites to beat Celtic of Glasgow in the Intercontinental Cup final next month. The Argentinians impressed the 45,000 spectators at Santiago, Chile, with the manner in which they beat Uruguay's Nacional 2-1 in the South American Champions' Cup final play-off 12 days ago. Racing led 2-0 at halftime, through goals by Cardoso and Raffo. Nacional's goal was scored in the 77th minute by Viera.

Herrera's experiments

Nine new players appeared in Inter Milan's team when they recently beat Chile 1-0 in Santiago. One of the newcomers was Sandro Mazzola's younger brother, Ferruccio. In New York Inter met and beat Santos 1-0 in a match that ended in a brawl and near riot.

SCOREBOARD

1966-67 FAIR CITIES' CUP FINAL: Leeds United v. Dinamo Zagreb 0-0 (at Leeds. Dinamo, 2-0 winners of the first leg in Zagreb, retain the Cup).

EUROPEAN NATIONS' CUP (qualifying matches): USSR v. Finland 2-0 (Moscow, 5-2 (Helsinki); Norway v. Sweden 3-1 (Oslo).

EUROPEAN CUPWINNERS' CUP: Aberdeen (Scotland) v. Reykjavik (Iceland) 10-0; Hamburger SV (West Germany) v. Rander Frem (Denmark) 5-3.

INTERNATIONAL "FRIENDLIES": Celtic v. Penarol Montevideo 2-0 (Glasgow); Bologna (Italy) v. Barcelona (Spain) 2-0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Austria v. Hungary 1-3 (Vienna).

AUSTRIA: Eisenstadt v. FC Austria 0-1; Admira v. Sturm Graz 7-0; GAK v. Innsbruck 1-2; Bregenz v. Rapid 3-1; Klagenfurt v. Austria Wien 0-2; Wiener SK v. Radenthein 4-2; FC Vienna v. LASK (postponed).

BELGIUM: Bruges v. Standard Liege 2-0; Lierse v. Racing White 5-2; Anderlecht v. St. Trond 5-1; Beveren Waas v. Daring 2-0; Beerschot v. Malines 1-1; FC Liege v. SC Charleroi 2-0; OC Charleroi v. Antwerp 0-0; Beeringen v. Waregem 4-2.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Lokomotiva Kosice v. Spartak Trnava 0-0; Jednota Trencin v. Bohemians 3-1; Union Teplice v. Banik Ostrava 1-0; Slovan Bratislava v. Zilina 5-0; Slavia Prague v. Sparta Prague 1-0; Dukla v. Inter Bratislava 3-4; Skoda Plzen v. VS Kosice 2-2.

FRANCE: Angers v. Rennes 1-1; Lens v. Valenciennes 1-0; St. Etienne v. Red Star 1-1; Marseille v. Lille 0-0; Strasbourg v. Bordeaux 0-0; Nantes v. Rouen 0-0; Sochaux v. Lyon 3-1; Sedan v. Ajaccio 2-0; Metz v. Aix 3-1.

HOLLAND: Go Ahead v. GVVAV 3-1; ADO v. Telstar 2-1; Fortuna v. DOS 2-2;

NAC v. Feyenoord 0-3; Ajax v. Volendam 7-1; NEC v. DWS 2-2; Sparta v. Sittard 5-0; Xerxes v. MVV 2-1; PSV v. Twente 1-2.

HUNGARY — 21st round: Ferencvaros v. Dunaujvaros 5-0; Pecs v. Vasas 3-1; Tatabanya v. Szeged 4-0; Csepel v. Komlo 2-1; SBTC v. Honved 1-0; Gyor v. MTK 2-1; Ujpest v. Eger 8-2; Diosgyor v. Szombathely 3-2. **22nd round:** SBTC v. Gyor 1-1; Diosgyor v. Ujpest 2-2; Ferencvaros v. Honved 7-1; Vasas v. Csepel 2-2; Szombathely v. Eger 3-2; Pecs v. Tatabanya 2-1; Szeged v. Komlo 3-2.

PORTUGAL: Tirsense v. Academica 0-4; Belenenses v. Porto 0-2; Leixoes v. Sporting 1-2; Braga v. Barreirense 4-3; CUF v. Sanjoanense 3-2; Setubal v. Varzim 1-0; Benfica v. Guimaraes 2-1.

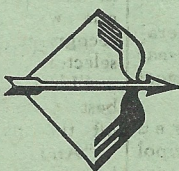
SPAIN: Real Sociedad v. Pontevedra 1-0; Zaragoza v. Barcelona 3-2; Atletico Madrid v. Sabadell 2-0; Valencia v. Betis 2-1; Bilbao v. Cordoba 3-0.

SWITZERLAND: Biel v. Bellinzona 2-0; Chaux-de-Fonds v. Young Boys 1-3; Lausanne v. Grasshoppers 0-2; Lugano v. Basel 4-2; Sion v. Grenchen 1-0; Young Fellows v. Lucerne 1-1; FC Zurich v. Servette Geneva 3-0.

WEST GERMANY: Braunschweig v. Werder Bremen 0-3; Karlsruhe v. Hanover 96 3-1; Moenchengladbach v. Kaiserslautern 8-2; Hamburger SV v. Duisburg 1-3; Eintracht Frankfurt v. FC Nurnberg 1-2; Borussia Neunkirchen v. Alemannia Aachen 0-1; Munchen 1860 v. VfB Stuttgart 3-3; Borussia Dortmund v. Bayern Munchen 6-3; FC Koln v. Schalke 04 7-0.

YUGOSLAVIA: Red Star v. Zeljeznicar 2-0; Hajduk v. Olimpija 1-2; Vojvodina v. Velez 0-0; Rijeka v. Vardar 3-1; Radnicki v. Proleter 1-0; Sarajevo v. Zagreb 5-0; Mari-bor v. Partizan 2-2; Dinamo 2-1; Fortuna v. DOS 2-2; Zagreb v. OFK Belgrade 2-0.

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VICTORIA WOULD WELCOME BAYUTTI

Reports that Jim Bayutti the former ASF vice-president who resigned only a couple of months may make a come-back into the game via the management of the NSW Federation has hardly caused an eyebrow to wink in Victorian soccer circles.

Generally speaking, most of the officials in Melbourne are now more convinced than ever that "Big Jim" only resigned in the first place to make his position stronger were he to be asked to come back.

However, two officials I spoke to recently made no secret of the fact that they are strongly in favor of Bayutti's return to soccer whether it be through the NSW management or the ASF.

They contend, as they have always done, that Bayutti is the only man with guts and real leadership to bring Australia closer to world class soccer.

— B. L.

ALL AUST. RESULTS

QUEENSLAND

Division One (First semi-final): Latrobe v. Hellenic 3-6; (Second semi-final): Hollandia v. Coalstars 3-3.

Division Two: Azzurri v. Budapest 2-2; Dnipro v. Newmarket 1-2.

Division Three: (First semi-final): Toowong v. Mt. Gravatt 2-2 (replay mid-week); (Second semi-final): South Coast v. Taronga 0-1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Division Three: WRE v. University 4-4; W. Torrens v. Don 0-2; Taperoo v. Flinders 3-2; Salisbury v. Mitcham 3-1; RAF v. Modbury 0-4; Para Hills v. Western 13-0.

TASMANIA

State Premiership: Launceston United v. Olympia 1-0.

North-West (Nielsen Cup final): Spartans v. Devonport 2-1.

Association Cup (first semi-final): Calies v. Croatia 5-5 at full-time. (After extra time Calies scored two corners and Croatia one. Calies won.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

State League: Azzurri v. Windmills 4-2; Cottesloe v. Cracovia 4-2.

ACT ROUND-UP

Juventus Canberra suffered two shock defeats in a fortnight.

The ACT's Australia Cup participants were beaten 2-0 in the ACT premiership semi-final last Sunday week by Croatia, and last Sunday lost 2-1 to Cooma in the preliminary final.

The Canberra Grand Final this weekend is between Cooma and Croatia.

— J.H.

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TOP TEAMS TOPPLE IN DOCKERTY CUP SHOCKS

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Three of Victoria's Australia Cup representatives bowed out in the first round of the Dockerty Cup last weekend: Melbourne, the State League champions, Juventus the runners-up and JUST who, though they finished fifth, go into the national competition in place of South Melbourne Hellas, barred by the ASF for 1967.

The quarter-finals of the Dockerty Cup will be featured as double-headers at Olympic Park on both Saturday and Sunday.

The draw is: Croatia v. Hakoah, George Cross or Slavia v. Polonia, Alexander v. Sunshine City and SM Hellas v. Lions.

Croatia's fast moving attack which is backed by a sound defence should give the slower moving Hakoah plenty of trouble before turning up trumps in the end.

George Cross or Slavia will have to improve on last week's showing if they hope to succeed against Polonia.

Alexander could have their work cut out against Sunshine who play to a new plan instigated by their coach Dave McIntosh, the former Hakoah and Victorian fullback.

If reports are correct that Fokianos, Rizos and Bourdamis of Alexander are returning to Greece before the game, another sensational result by Sunshine cannot be discounted.

The SM Hellas v. Lions match could be a tough struggle right to the end.

Lions perhaps lack the class of Hellas but make up for this with plenty of guts and a will-to-win spirit.

VIC'S CHOICE

So far Victoria have announced the names of 11 players who started training 10 days ago, for possible selection in the Australian national team to tour Asia.

An extravagant and cumbersome list.

For no one really believes that the 11 chosen will all stand a chance of final selection.

In fact, through one thing and another at least half the nominations must only be to fill up the training schedule.

One player omitted and who should have been given consideration is Tony

Hughes the centre-forward of JUST who has scored 20 goals in the State League this season.

These are the Victorian selections: W. Cook, (Slavia), W. Rice, F. Micic (JUST), J. Armstrong, G. Keith (Hakoah), H. McMeechan, J. McKay, W. Vojtek (Croatia), A. Abonyi, C. Myers, H. Surma (Melbourne).

DOCKERTY RESULTS

Hellas 2 (Nestorides 2) v. Ferntree Gully 0; Hakoah 3 (Anderson, Armstrong, Monan) v. Wilhelmina 2 (Keuken, Bradley); Alexander 1 (Fokianos) v. Juventus 0; Sunshine City 1 (Seenan) v. Melbourne 0; Polonia 7 (Pryzbylski 2, Swoboda 2, Gadecki 2, Kowalec) v. St. Albans 0; Lions 2 (Aldis, Hillhouse) v. JUST 1 (Micic); George Cross 2 (Campbell, Sanchez) drew with Slavia 2 (Bell, Reid); Croatia 4 (Mackay 2, Vojtek, McArthur) d. Makedonia 0.

Cross boss quits game

Weeks of speculation over the future of Lou Debono, the George Cross president, who also holds several official positions within the Victorian Soccer Federation, have ended with his decision to resign from both club and Federation positions at the end of this year.

His decision to call it a day after 13 years as one of the leading lights in Victorian soccer have been

influenced by health reasons.

George Cross and Lou Debono have been synonymous since he took over the reins of president in 1953, a position he has held since except for one season, in 1963, when a majority of members for some inexplicable reason voted him out of management and office as president.

However, taking over again in 1964 when the club was heavily in debt, he soon put the club back on an even keel, speculated heavily in bringing some top-class players from overseas.

He was the originator of the import-scheme in Victoria, bringing a whole string of players of the calibre of Pat McKenna, Archie Campbell, Marshall Gibb, David Goldie, Tommy McPherson, Tommy Anderson, John Brown, etc.

As Victoria's sole selector for many years, he has proved the most successful ever.

He is a member of the Board of Management, the State Council, chairman of the Metropolitan Disciplinary Committee, State League delegate and also a life member of both his club and the Victorian Soccer Federation. — B. L.

ROGER PUSHES JUV TO LIMIT

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

A superb display from Polonia and SA goalkeeper, Roger Romanowicz, almost forced Juventus into extra time in last Saturday's Federation Cup semifinal.

Twenty-year-old Romanowicz stopped a torrent of Juventus shots until three minutes from time when Peter West scored with a fantastic 40-yard rising drive, to give his team a 2-1 win and entry into the Cup final.

The Cup holders Polonia, would have been soundly beaten but for the brilliance of the agile Romanowicz.

Polonia, however, deservedly scored first and actually won the first half honors.

Polonia outplayed Juventus for long periods of the first half.

If they can reproduce the same efficiency more consistently, Polonia could seriously threaten Juventus in their Australia Cup elimination game.

Juventus, with Johnny Perin creating countless chances and Nilo Rusalen unpassable at centre-half, displayed greater staying power to force their narrow win.

These teams have provided some of the most even games seen in Adelaide this year.

In the four matches played before Saturday's semifinal only one goal — scored in extra-time by Juventus — had separated them.

West Adelaide Hellas will play Victoria SC in the second semifinal at the Olympic Sports Field on Saturday.

Hellas will unleash their full power to earn the right to have another crack at their arch rivals.

If Hellas can leap the Victoria hurdle they will start favorites because of their better league performance against Juventus this season.

Hellas thrashed Juventus 4-0 in the first league clash and forced a goalless draw in the second.

Victoria have had a disappointing league season but have made a habit of being a force in cup competitions.

They reached the Federation Cup Final last year but lost the single goal match to Polonia.

Victoria eliminated Hellas from the Ampol Cup with a shock 4-0 win.

Hellas, however, had their revenge by winning

both league fixtures, by 2-0 and a withering 6-0.

Victoria's tighter defence should ensure a closer result on Saturday but Hellas should again win.

Victoria will probably be kept too busy striving to contain the flexible Hellas attack to mount enough constructive moves that might end in goals.

If they follow past patterns, Victoria will rely on direct, forceful soccer and the breakaway ability of Peter McKenzie, Klaus Stahl and Jimmy Wright.

McGowan in Sydney

Bill McGowan, one of the best full backs in State League soccer and a member of the Melbourne side which won the State League championship has been in Sydney since last Sunday where he is spending a few days with friends before boarding the S.S. Canberra on his way back to Scotland.

In a send-off party at Spencer Street Station, Melbourne, last Saturday morning Melbourne officials and players farewelled Bill and his wife.

Chairman Andy Kun had this to say on McGowan. "We are sorry to lose him, the best fullback in State League soccer and one who has never been recognised by the Victorian selectors."

"He has been one of our best players both on and off the field."

"And we have high hopes he will return after a brief holiday in his native Glasgow."

ADELAIDE MAY PICK FIVE

SA selectors Alec Hastings and Adrian Deckers will probably nominate five Adelaide players as candidates for the Australian squad to tour Asia in November.

The selectors are expected to announce their choices after next Saturday's Federation Cup semifinal.

I believe the players most worthy of consideration would be: Roger Romanowicz (Polonia), Johnny Perin, Steve Herczeg and Tommy McColl (Juventus), Nick Pantelis and Ted De Lyster (WA Hellas).

This group are all youngsters who could be World Cup prospects in 1970.

De Lyster failed to gain State selection against Manchester United but the brilliant ball-playing forward has since hit top form.

Changes to come

Before the curtain comes down on 1967 I am predicting considerable changes involving club administrators, coaches, players and grounds in Victorian State League soccer, which could result in the following happenings:

● At least a dozen State League players from Scotland, England and the Continent may follow Bill McGowan (Melbourne) who returns this Saturday back to Europe.

● Two State League coaches are living on borrowed time with their club according to reports and the "axe" or "hatchet" could cut short their careers with their present clubs before we say au revoir to 1967.

● Strong rumors say a leading club official may step down from his club or be replaced by the end of this year.

● A top State League player is reported as saying this is his last season with his present club and will demand a transfer on December 1.

● Reports indicate a State League club may change its ground in time for the 1968 season.

ADELAIDE RESULTS FEDERATION CUP SEMIFINAL

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Bankstown, Manly to reach Grand Final

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

In keeping with the season's competition which was decided in the last round, the "semifinals" are still very much alive after Bankstown's 1-1 draw after extra-time with Manly last Saturday.

The teams are now locked with three points each, with Manly having the better goal average.

Sutherland deserved to win last week's early game 3-2 against Granville as they were the better side all round.

The game was fast, and in patches both sides produced good football, but the winners were decidedly yards faster to the ball both in de-

fence and attack.

Williams opened the score for Granville in the 16th minute when he hit a hard drive from an O'Neill pass but Griffiths equalised for Sutherland when Granville goalkeeper Sparks fumbled a weak back-pass.

Another goal by Griffiths soon after the interval put Sutherland in front and a few minutes later Sparks made

amends for his earlier mistake when he made a spectacular save off Shrubsole from the penalty spot.

Sutherland increased their lead in the 68th minute when Davidson headed in a perfect pass from Corfield.

Granville put everything into attack in the last 15 minutes and Pendleton scored a good goal from a scrimmage.

Granville: Sparks; Anderson, Pendleton (1); Tamandl (Dean), Lorenzutta, Crelly; Shepherd, Dupont, Williams (1), Bakks, O'Neill.

Sutherland: Pines; Watt, Rattenbury; Shrubsole, O'Reilly, Griffiths (2); Bibbing, Davidson (1), O'Brian, Corfield, Cucitti.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Rugged encounter

The late game was a rugged encounter which went into extra time, but the sharing of the points (1-1) was a fair conclusion.

Manly dominated most of the first half and deserved the 1-0 lead at the end of this period.

A solo run on the left flank by Manly's left winger Colin Waller gave Manly the lead when he lobbed the ball over the head of Bankstown's advancing goalkeeper, Friedl.

Five minutes before the end Bankstown scored their hard-earned equaliser when a perfect cross from the right by David Tansley was placed out of Tuinman's reach by Roger Bamforth.

In the two 10-minute periods of extra time both sides came close to scoring, but none succeeded.

Bankstown: Friedl; Jamie-son, Fitzgerald; White, Hinksman, McDermott; Madden, Tansley, Bamforth (1), Turnbull, Clarke (Stiffle).

Manly: Tuinman; McGrath, Brooks; Verrills, Campbell, Freeman; Harris, Ridding, Hughes, G. Jones, Waller (1). Referee: J. Scarborough.

NEXT WEEKEND

With Manly and Bankstown jointly leading the round-robin tournament, both matches on Saturday will be very interesting.

Sutherland are in top form and should give Manly a hard game, but Manly will start as favorites.

Manly, who will have played mid-week, will have to tighten further their already solid defence if they want to stop the nippy Sutherland forwards from scoring.

In the other game, Bankstown should win convincingly.

Granville, after showing so much promise in the competition, seem to have hit a slump and, although still playing fairly good football, poor finish in the forwards is costing them match after match.

ROUND-ROBIN TABLE

Manly	1	1	—	4	1	3
Bankstown	1	1	—	4	3	3
Sutherland	1	—	5	5	2	—
Granville	—	—	2	2	6	0

WITH THE AMATEURS

INTER AND BELMORE COMPLETED "DOUBLES"

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Belmore ended the amateur season on a high note by winning the Second Division championship final against the premiers, East Side.

Belmore won 5-2 at Allum Park.

Next season the club will be back in First Division, from which they were demoted in 1966.

Belmore also took out the reserve grade championship by 6 goals to 1, also against East Side.

In the main game, East Side were down 1-2 at half time, their goal coming from a penalty for hands against a Belmore defender.

Main factor in Belmore's win was the display of the two wingers, Col Rae and 16-year-old Steve McMullan.

They often had the East backs caught on the wrong foot.

Unfortunately young McMullan suffered a broken bone in his foot in a heavy tackle, and had to celebrate his club's win in hospital.

In First and Third Divisions, the respective premiers, North Sydney Inter and Enmore completed the double by taking out the championship.

The powerful North Sydney Inter downed Artarmon 3-1 at Macarthur Park.

At Mackey Park, the first half provided some grand football.

Enmore established a two-goal lead against Gladesville-Hornsby.

Enmore were handicapped by the departure of two of their best forwards, who had left Sydney to take up new positions.

They also found that the slippery surface slowed down their usually speedy attack.

It was somewhat fortunate for Gladesville that Enmore did not get as many movements working from the wings as usual, and the final score was 4-1 to Enmore.

With fairly even divisions and no hold-ups for minor cup competitions, the Inter Suburban League clubs generally had a really good season, and seem certain to favour similar competition arrangements for 1968.

K.O. CUP PREVIEW

PRAGUE TIPPED TO REPEAT WIN

Last Wednesday week's washed out double-header played tonight, Wednesday, at Marks Field should enable Manly and Melita Eagles to advance into the quarterfinals.

The first quarterfinal of the K.O. Cup will be played on Sunday at Woonona Oval when Hakoah meet the winner of Cumberland v. Manly at 1.15 p.m. and South Coast play Prague at 3.00 p.m.

Our previews:

Granville v. Melita Eagles

Melita Eagles should be too strong all round for their Second Division opponents.

Both teams have solid defences, but their attacks performed woefully throughout their respective competitions.

Melita's attack should relish the change of pace, and may be seen to better advantage tonight.

Probable teams:

Melita Eagles: Eaton; Hunter, Arrighi; Cilia, Woods, Hewlett; Mullan, Bankhead, Mulqueeney, Reid, Williams.

Granville: Sparkes; Anderson, Pendleton; Tamandl, Lorenzutta, Crelly; Shepherd, Dupont, Williams, Bakks, O'Neill.

Cumberland v. Manly

Manly have everything to gain in this match as this is their big chance to prove they are worthy First Division material.

In Cumberland, the team they will replace in the elite in 1968, they seem to have opponents made to measure to prove their point.

It's hard to imagine the demoralised Cumberland, with players deserting the sinking ship left and right, having sufficient incentive to bow out of First Division in a burst of glory.

We expect Denis Adrigan's charges to score a prestige victory tonight.

Probable line-ups:

Cumberland: Hopkins; Addison, Dell; Geppert, Thomson, Entwistle; Vincent, Goldie, Smith, Christie, Edwards.

Manly: Tuinman; McGrath, Brooks; Verrills, Campbell, Freeman; Nutt, Ridding, Hughes, G. Jones, Harris.

Hakoah v.

Cumberland/Manly

Whoever Hakoah's opponents in the early match at Woonona Oval on Sunday are, the 1966 Grand Final winners should breeze into the semifinals.

If their opponents are Manly, Hakoah will probably win in a canter as the unfortunate seashiders would then be playing their third match in four days and doubling up after Saturday's Second Division final play-off.

Against Cumberland, if the Auburn side accounts for Manly on Wednesday night, it may be slightly tougher.

Whether Hakoah meet Manly or Granville, their players will undoubtedly want to prove they deserved bigger things than this "Consolation" Cup.

Probable Hakoah team: Fozes; Edwards, Hillsdon; Walsh, Marnoch, Yeager; Fakere Jones, Baartz, Harding, Holden.

South Coast v.

Prague

Things have certainly changed for the two former glamor clubs of our soccer.

Their supporters will no doubt be casting their minds back to 1963, when almost to the day, the two teams were battling for much higher stakes — a spot in the Grand Final, which South Coast went on to win 4-0 against APIA.

On their display against Bankstown, South Coast, despite their appreciable home ground advantage, should not be an unsurmountable obstacle for Prague, whose last few competition games showed promise.

Prague should win here but this time their victory won't come as a shock as it did on March 26.

Probable teams:

SCU: McQuire; Carr, Kerr; Davies, Ringland, Salisbury; Barnett, Tristram, Harrison, Freeme, Paterson.

Prague: King; Harcombe, Moulson; Blacker, Zeman, Scheinflug; Armytage, G. Manuel, Blanco, Miner, Lissing.

READERS' LETTERS

District soccer cure advocated by fan

From your article, "Witch-Hunt" (Sept. 1) I feel you have avoided a few vital issues.

You claim that before non-British migrants came to the country, soccer was very weak.

However, you avoided the fact that very little soccer was played in the schools.

Nowadays every weekend thousands of "soccer mad" parents cheer for their sons in the suburban grounds and paddocks of Sydney.

Yet, most of them are probably unaware of the existence of a Federation competition.

These people will become aware once district soccer is implemented.

We may never encourage Rugby fans to switch to soccer but surely there is a great potential to draw from.

You also claim that if district soccer was started, the terraces would become empty. But are they not becoming this way now?

Yugal, Polonia, Prague, Hakoah and Croatia have suffered alarming falls in support.

When you conducted your forum in 1965 to see where soccer's faults lay, what did most people want?

District soccer.

And unless this comes into operation in the very near future, soccer's decline will reach bedrock.

Roger Sleeman Cronulla.

● We never even implied in our article that if district soccer was started, the terraces would become empty; what we did say was: "Discourage migrants from our grounds and see what you have: empty terraces and probably empty pitches". And that is vastly different.

As for our 1965 survey, your memory is letting you down: "Absence of more district teams" was only the 8th-ranking reason for soccer's decline, out of the 20 questions posed. — Editor.

More juniors

I wish to express my fullest congratulations to your outstanding newspaper.

It contains a complete coverage of the game at senior levels.

Your newspaper is by far the best I have read since I

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started following soccer five years ago.

I only wish to see more photos of the weekly games and more news about juniors.

Basil Halkias, Sydney.

● Our photographic content is up some 20% on last year and so is our junior sector; this, however, will be further extended in 1968.

Coin tossed

Strangely enough, the tossing of a coin determines which soccer team is the strongest.

This utterly absurd method was explosively illustrated on a Wednesday evening (Aug. 30).

The teams were South Coast United and Bankstown, a Second Division team.

South Coast United were the better guessers.

Why should a game like soccer be so disgraced?

It is a good and exciting game but by ending it in this way we destroy its purpose.

The same thing occurred earlier this year, when a match was ended by allowing each team five penalty kicks.

How can the ability of one team be shown by one man, the goalkeeper?

Australia is only now being recognised as a soccer nation, and these extraordinary, unfair means of finishing a match show how little we have progressed.

The concept of fair play is immediately forgotten when this happens.

Why not replay the match, which would be a fair and more logical way?

By these blunders soccer in Australia is slowly being exterminated.

F. van der Nieuwenhuizen, BSM Soccer Club, Bankstown.

● "Tossing the coin" to split deadlocked matches is not peculiar to Australia; it is practised all over the world. Even the World Cup rules incorporate this, if a match in the quarterfinals or semifinals ends in a draw after extra time. Normally it's applied when there is no available time for a re-play. Everybody knows it's not a very satisfactory method — but sometimes there is none better.



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